

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, May, 20 1729.

From the Daily Post-Boy, May 13.
Constantinople, March 6.

SOLIMAN EFFENDI, a trusty and able Minister, having been at a few Months ago to Van, a City of Persia, to enquire into the State of Affairs in that Kingdom, and give the Prime Visier an Account thereof, has sent hither the following Letter, written to the Grand Signior by Prince Thamas, Son to the late King of Persia, which was delivered to him by an Ambassador that Prince is sending to the Porte, whom he met at Van, viz.

'TIS very surprising that your Highness should, in Violation of the uninterrupted Friendship between the Ancestors of my Family and yours, (upon the Score of which Friendship you ought to succour the Friends of your Friends) enter into a League against them in favour of a Person unknown, and a Traitor to his Sovereign. This Conduct is contrary not only to the Laws of Nature, but also to those of God; for it is attacking God himself, to lift up One's Hand against Persons that are sacred. I am at this Day the true and lawful Heir to the Family of the Kings of Persia; I am the Son of King Ussin; and by particular Providence of God, I escaped the Massacre of the King my Father, and almost the whole Royal Family: I am making all possible Efforts to recover the Dominion of my Ancestors, and to pluck the Throne from under the Feet of the Usurper that has invaded it: And as my Cause is just and Praise-worthy, I do not in the least doubt but God will assist me; for they are his Battles that I fight; and he being the Defender of the Oppressed, will give new Strength to those who take my Part, so that the Wicked shall be punished according to his Demerit. After me there are other Princes of my Family, to whom the Kingdom of Persia ought to descend successively. Your Highness cannot be ignorant, that I have yet Subjects enow left of Fidelity and Courage enough to restore me to my Patrimony; and you may be perswaded that the Princes of my Blood, are hold-

en in such Veneration among them, that they think it their Duty to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in their Service. Wherefore I leave it to your Highness to consider, whether it is a greater Argument of Greatness of Soul, to succour an oppressed Prince, who is lawful Heir to the Throne that has been possessed by Kings that were Friends and Allies to the Ottoman Race, than to enter into a League against him, with a Tyger, a Monster, not known in the World but for his Perfidiousness and Outrages, which will render him the Detestation of future Ages. If your Highness will not second the Justice of my Claim, be neuter at least in this Dispute; for after all I have heard, I can never be perswaded that your Highness can act against my Interest in favour of Eschreff, who is known to you only for Actions which ought to make you hate and detest him.

[We shall only remark upon this Letter, that the Style of it seems altogether European, without a Mixture of the Sublime so peculiar to the Eastern Nations.]

Effendi, at the same Time that he sent this Letter, which arrived here in December last, wrote to the Porte, that Prince Thamas's Party gained Ground every Day; that it was probable he would get the better of Eschreff, who had shut himself up in Isfahan with a Handful of Troops, and was destitute of Succours, the Province of Candabar having revolted against him, &c.

From the Evening Post, May 13.

Seville, April 21. 'Tis believed that the Prince of Asturias and the Princess his Spouse are shortly to go to Madrid, where the said Prince is to take on him the Administration of the Regency during the King's Absence, which in all Appearance will be for the whole Summer, if not till the End of Autumn.

Paris, May 13. Here has been presented to their Majesties, as a Prodigy of Learning and Knowledge, Don Claudio d'Erval Hernandez, a young

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Spaniard not quite 8 Years of Age, who has made such a surprizing Progress in his Studies, that Messieurs Fontinelle, Casperoniere, Faucon and Gouvin, have lately given him their Attestations, of his having answered them most pertinently and elegantly in Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, German and French, to whatever they asked him in Rhetorick and Logick, as also on the Use of the Globes, and the Definition of Geometry, Geography and Chronology.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 15.

Since our last arrived Mails from France and Flanders.

THE Protest mentioned in our last, is signed by the Lords Plymouth, Boyle, Scarfedale, Willoughby de Brook, Northampton, Gower, Strassford, Oxford and Mortimer, Warrington, Litchfield, Coventry, Bedford, Bathurst, and contains these further Reasons, viz.

2dly, "This Clause appears to us, (protesting Lords) unreasonable on many Accounts; as there was no real Deficiency at Midsummer 1728, to which Time the Accompts were stated, so neither is there any Arrears at the Time when this new Supply is granted; but the whole Sum of £. 800,000, and considerably more, was come into his Majesty's Coffers, and he was consequently in Possession of the very Money, the supposed Arrear, which is made good to him by this Clause. Thus it appears to us, That the Nation is loaded, not to complete, but to augment the Sum designed for his Majesty's Civil List; and this at a Time, when the Publick Debts are increased; when the Taxes are heavily felt in all Parts of the Country; when our Foreign Trade is incumbered and diminished; when our Manufactures decay; when our Poor daily multiply, and when many other National Calamities surround us. These Considerations in themselves are very moving, and we apprehend, that they must appear stronger when it shall be further considered, that his Majesty would be so far from wanting any of those extraordinary Supplies, that even without the Provision in the Civil List Act for making good Deficiencies, he would be possessed of a far greater Revenue, than K. William, Q. Anne, or even his late Majesty enjoyed; and yet his present Majesty, then Prince of Wales, received out

of the Civil List Revenues during the Reign of the late King, £. 100,000 per Annum, besides the entire Revenue of the Principality of Wales, and Dutchy of Cornwall; whereas it does not appear to us, that the like Sum of £. 100,000 per Annum, or even the Revenues of the Principality of Wales, have yet been settled on his Royal Highness."

In the 3d. Article they say, "That these Arrears may easily be increased by ill designing Ministers, by private Directions to Receivers, and by artful Methods of stating Accompts: And we are perswaded, that his Majesty can have no Satisfaction, in his Court abound with Wealth, whilst he undergo the Mortification of seeing his People reduced to Poverty."

Yesterday his Majesty came to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal Assent to 55 publick and private Bills, which being in the Prints, we refer you thereto; and afterwards his Majesty made the following

Most Gracious SPEECH.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Season of the Year, and the Dispatch you have given to publick Business, make it proper for Me to put an End to this Session of Parliament, which I cannot do, without expressing my Satisfaction at the just Regard you have shewn upon all Occasions to My Honour and the true Interest of My People.

The Prudence and Temper with which you have proceeded at this Juncture, have been very acceptable to Me, and cannot fail of meeting with general Approbation; your several Determinations upon Matters of the greatest Nicety and Importance, have shewn you not insensible of the Difficulties we labour under, without suffering your selves to be transported and carried into any unreasonable Warmths and Animosities; you have considered the Losses of our Merchants with a becoming Compassion and Concern, and received their Complaints in such a Manner, as will best conduce to the obtaining them Justice and Satisfaction: And you may be assured no Endeavours shall be wanting on My Part, to answer the Expectations and Wishes of My People.

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Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Supplies which you have granted Me, and so effectually raised in a Manner less burdensome to My Subjects, are a new Proof of your Zeal, Affection and Readiness, to support Me in the Defence and Protection of the Rights and Privileges of My Kingdom. It is a great Satisfaction to Me to observe, that you have been thus able to supply the necessary Charges and Expences that have unavoidably been brought and continued upon Us, and at the same time, to make a further Progress in lessening and reducing the National Debt.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have already acquainted you, that it being necessary for Me to visit My German Dominions this Year, I have determined to make the Queen Regent here during My Absence: And I must in a particular Manner recommend it to you all, to make her Administrations as easy as possible, by preserving the Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom in your several Stations and Countries, and by endeavouring to discountenance and restrain the vile seditious Practices of raising unjust Clamours, and creating Discontents in the Minds of My People.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen, It is His Majesty's Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to *Tuesday* the 22d of *July* next, to be then here held: And this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to *Tuesday* the 22d of *July*.

The Fate of Europe, as far as we can learn, continues still in Suspence. There is a Talk that Sir Char. Wager has Orders to sail as soon as the Wind proves favourable; and that he has a discretionary Power given him, which cannot be lodged with an abler and braver Officer.

Private Letters from Cadiz of the 3d Instant say, that 13 Sail of Line of Battle Ships lay ready to put to Sea, and that more were expected from Biscay; that the Fortifications of Cadiz were repairing, and that several Regiments were come thither, and diverse more were on their March for that Place.

S. S. Stock, 99, 3 4ths.

From the Evening Post, May 15.

London, May 15. The Foreign Mails that arriv-

ed *Tuesday* last, brought Advice of the Duke of Hamilton's being in perfect Health, and that his Grace was gone from Naples to Rome.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Findlater carried the State Sword Yesterday to the House of Peers before his Majesty.

We have the following Account from Whiston in Yorkshire of the 10th Instant: "The Snow is half a Yard deep hereabout; but on the Border of Derbyshire, upon the Moors it is a Yard and an half, and in some Places 2 Yards deep. We have no Grass as yet, but in most Places the Corn comes up very well, and we believe we shall have a good Cropt. The unusual strange Weather occasions, we imagine, the Sickness here, whereof People die so fast; that upon Computation, it appears there have died in this Parish more within one Year past, than in the seven preceding. Wheat is sold for 7 sh. a Bushel, Oat Meal at 1 sh. 3 d. the Peck, and best Beef 4 d. a Pound.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, May 15.

Paris, May 20. The Pope is not dead, as was reported a few Days ago. They write from Gibraltar, That the Spaniards have been observed to send single Spies towards the Garrison, to view the new Works.

London, May 15. Captain Erskine, Son to the Lord Grange, is made Captain in the Grey Regiment of Dragoons.

The *John*, Capt. Denniston, bound from Maryland to Glasgow, was lately lost on James's Island.

Edinburgh, May 20. We learn from the *Votes of the House of Commons*, That the Petitions lodged in name of the District of Burghs of Dumbarton, Glasgow, Renfrew and Rutherglen, complaining of an undue Election & Return of their Parliamentman, have been severally Rejected; also,

That the Clerk of the Crown is ordered to issue a new Writ, for electing a Knight to serve in Parliament for the Shire of Lanrick, in room of the Honourable Lord Archibald Hamilton; his Lordship having accepted of the Office of One of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty: Likewise,

That the Clerk of the Crown is ordered to issue

a Writ, for electing a Burgess to serve in Parliament for the Burghs of Stirling, Inverkeithing, Dumfermling, Culrofs & Queensferry, in room of Thomas Erskine, Esq; (eldest Son of the late B. of Mar) who hath accepted the Command of a Company of Foot in his Majesty's Service.

This Morning a Fire broke out in the West Bow, but was extinguished without much Loss.

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¶ The Members of the *Musick Meeting of Mary's Chapel* are hereby Advertised, That their Anniversary Meeting is to be on the Second Wednesday of June next, at 3 after Noon. The Members are desired to make their Annual Payment to their Treasurer, on or before that Meeting; otherwise, new Members will be chosen in their Places, according to their Articles.

¶ That upon Monday the Second Day of June next, at 3 o'clock after Noon, in John's Coffeehouse, there is to be exposed, by way of publick Roup or Sale, a LEASE for a long Term of Year of the COAL and SALT Works of Salt-coats, in the Parish of Stevenston and Sherifdom of Ayr. The Conditions to be had at Mr. John Jenkins's, Bankier in London, John Hamilton Writer to the Signet, or Mr. Thomas Corker Merchant in Dublin.

¶ The *Bleaching-Field of Cameron*, on Lochlowmond, carried on by DONALD GOVAN, Merchant in Glasgow, is provided with a great many *Dutch Bleachers* from Holland, who are perfectly well skill'd, and have given sufficient Proof in this Kingdom of their Experience in that Business. Mr. GOVAN is now taking in all Sorts of Linen-cloth, Cambricks, Dypers and Satinets, at Edinburgh; by *William Crooks* Merchant, at his Shop above the Guard, at Leith, by *David Ogilvie* Merchant; at Falkirk, by *Andrew Gaff* Merchant. All Sorts of Linen-cloth, &c. coarse or fine, Yard-broad, at Four Pence the Yard, and proportionally for a greater or lesser Breadth; and Satinets, at Twopence Halfpenny Half-yard broad. The Proprietors of the Cloth are desired to give in to the Receivers, a Note of their Name and Designations, with the Contents of their Goods, and sew in their Name at length in the one End of the Piece with coarse Thread made of Lint, and not with Silk; and in the other End, the Number of Yards it contains, in Figures, to prevent Mistake in the Return. And 'tis desired that no Piece may exceed Forty Yards. The Goods shall be delivered to the Proprietors, whitened, free of all Charges except the Prices of Whitening, at the Places

where they were received, and that in two Months after Receipt, Weather serving. Cloth will be taken in at the above Places, from 7 in the Morning till 8 at Night each lawful Day, to the First Week of July.

¶ That upon Thursday the 12th of June next, within the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, between the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon; Is to be Sold by voluntary Roup, the Barony of KILMARONOCK, holding Blanche of the Crown, having the Privilege of a Regality, lying in the Parish of Kilmarnock and Shire of Dumbarton, and paying yearly L. 1790, *sh. 4* Scots in Money, 145 Bolls 1 Firlot Meal, at 9 Stone 6 Pound weight the Boll, 136 Bolls 1 Firlot Bear, large Measure, 8 Bolls Oats, 768 Sheaves Straw, 151 Hens, 245 Loads of Peats, and 215 Days-work, all of *Few-Duty*, and free from *Cess*: And whereof the Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. HUGH CRAWFORD Clerk to the Signet, at Edinburgh, or of HUGH CRAWFORD Writer, at Glasgow.

¶ That upon Tuesday the Third of June next, there is to be exposed by way of voluntary Roup, upon the Mains of Castle-Lyon, lying within the Parish of Longforgan, and Sheriffdom of Perth, a considerable Number of Horses and Mares of the best Kinds, young and old, some of them fit for Hunting and Riding, and others for Coaches and Carts: AS ALSO, a considerable Number of Cows and Calves, all of them of a large Size, and of the finest Kinds; And likewise several young Bulls of the biggest Dutch and English Kind. Any Person that inclines to buy, must either pay the Price offered by him in ready Money, or find sufficient Security therefore, payable against Martinmas next; and in Case of his paying ready Money, he is to have a discount of five per Cent of the Price offered. Gate, as also 2 Pavilions of 2 Story high, and each Story 2 Fire Rooms, and one in each lower Story without a Fire, having Cellars Coal-houses and Kitchens to them, all adjoining to the High School Yards of Edinburgh. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of John Kennedy Surgeon, at his House in Wilkie's Land behind the Guird, Edinburgh.

N. B. The Bagnio continues going till the Sale be made

¶ That the MIDSUMMER LINEN CLOTH MERCAT of Perth, is to begin upon Wednesday the 11th of June next, and to continue to the 24th of that Month inclusive.

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